

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES
CITY OF MILPITAS
SISTER CITIES COMMISSION**

Minutes: Meeting of Sister Cities Commission (SCC)
Date of Meeting: Wednesday, October 26, 2006
Place of Meeting: Milpitas City Hall, 455 E. Calaveras Blvd., Committee Meeting Rm.

I. Roll Vice Chair Arthur called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.
Commissioners/Alternates Present: Arefi, Arthur, Garcia, McCarter
and Wan (arrived at 7:24 p.m.)
Commissioners Absent: Grilli, Mateo & Swiger
City Council Liaison Present: Vice Mayor Livengood
MUSD Liaison absent: Carmen Montano
Staff Present: Cuciz, Maxwell

II. Alternates There were no Alternates present at the start of the meeting. None
were seated.

III. Pledge Chair Grilli led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Minutes **MOTION** to approve the Minutes of September 28, 2006.

M/S: Garcia/McCarter Ayes: All

V. Agenda **MOTION** to approve the October 26, 2006 agenda.

M/S: Garcia/McCarter Ayes: All

VI. Announcements/Correspondence

None.

VII. Citizen's Forum

None attending.

VIII. Old Business

1. HUIZHOU CITY, CHINA: SISTER CITIES RELATIONSHIP

Item continued until the next scheduled Sister Cities commission meeting on January 25,
2007.

2. DAGUPAN CITY, PHILLIPINES: SISTER CITIES RELATIONSHIP

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3. TSUKUBA CITY, JAPAN: SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP

Vice Chair Arthur noted that the ten-year anniversary visit was a success, and Tsukuba appreciated Milpitas's hospitality. They also wanted to thank staff for the city tour. Arthur noted that if the Fire Department is given two weeks notice, they have offered to prepare a lunch for visitors. Arthur also noted that several students from Rancho School and twelve students from Russell School showed interest in Tsukuba during the back-to-school nights.

4. EUROPEAN SISTER CITY RESEARCH

Commissioner Arefi reported that he had two contacts through Sister Cities International; one with a city in Northern Ireland. The city is named Cookstown and is about 40 miles from Belfast – they will be mailing a package with their city information. The population is 10,000 with some historical sites. The city has a large agricultural area and is now starting to include a high tech industry. They are enthusiastic about Milpitas. The commission will wait to review their package. Arefi also noted some contact with a city in France, and he is waiting to hear from them.

5. SISTER CITY COMMISSION ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

Staff distributed a handout with some edits per the commission's feedback regarding expectations for volunteering time and for active participation on the commission. Commissioner Garcia noted that changes in the bylaws could reflect what is needed for participation on the commission. Staff was directed to prepare an agenda report for the City Council with the commission's additions to their by-laws.

MOTION to recommend additions to the bylaws for City Council review and approval at their meeting in November 2006.

M/S: Garcia/McCarter Ayes: All Ayes

6. 2006 MEETING CALENDAR

By general consensus, the commission agreed that it is not necessary to hold any special meetings in November or December 2006.

XIII. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

No report.

IX. SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON REPORT

No report.

X. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Sister City Relationships/Cultural Exchanges:
 - a. Tsukuba City, Japan
 - b. Dagupan City, Philippines
 - c. Huizhou City, China
2. European Sister City Research

XI. ADJOURNMENT

No further business was discussed and the Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m. until the next regularly scheduled meeting on January 25, 2007.

MOTION to adjourn.

M/S: Garcia/Arefi Ayes: All

Respectfully Submitted,

Holly Cuciz
Recording Secretary

Cindy Maxwell
Principal Administrative Analyst